

SENATOR HALL: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: To use my own terminology, I said I would be willing to work with, and then I listed off the senators who spoke...who had spoken and said any others who may not have spoken but have an interest I'd be willing to sit down and we see what we can work out before we suspend the rules and do the rest of this.

SPEAKER WITHEM: I don't know what the process for doing this is, but somebody needs to mark May 22nd, 6:28 p.m., Senator Chambers made the offer to become the peacemaker, to call people together. I think that needs to be memorialized someplace. And that's, seriously, Senator Chambers, I'm poking a little bit of fun, but in reality, in reality, that's what led me to file the motion is a shorter bracket period than what you're calling for, because as I go through this, I mean, I'm standing up because...opposing the suspension motion because that's what is before us. And it's my way of voicing opposition to the measure that's being brought forth in its current form. And I don't really know, as an individual, I'm taking a little bit of risk here because I'm sharing what's been going through my mind over the last hour, I don't know if that's the best way to go is to simply do nothing, is what would happen if we vote down the suspension motion. I'm prepared to do that at this point, but I'm not 100 percent sure that that's the best way to go. Secondly, the other option that I see laid out that would help me meet what I see as my policy position on this would be the adoption of the amendment dealing with alternative education experiences. But I don't know if we can get there, that's part of what I'm going through. And the third thing is I passed out an amendment that I had drafted which I think is a third way I could find acceptable. It's very short, let me read it to you. It would be Section 1, the Legislature finds and declares its belief that the Student Discipline Act, and the Student Discipline Act is what was amended last year by LB 1250, it's Section 79-4169, you know, on through until it ends, I don't know exactly where it ends. But we amended that last year, providing for one year expulsions, and that's part of what has my goat here is we've already done a lot of what's being asked for. But we would say that that meets our obligation and that we would direct the State Department of Education, with the vigorous assistance of the Attorney General, and that's not language making fun of the Attorney General, by any regard, that's language I think that was used in previous bills where we